

Alpine Lab.

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Dear Munz.-

Your fine, long, interesting letter has just come to hand. You seem to have certainly had a successful trip north and I am certainly glad for you. You have to appear in person and let people size up your person and possibilities before they will hand you any thing. Meeting all the people about the Bay as a systemist well started, will go a long way toward giving you the prestige you want to get as The Botanist of So California. What you wrote seem to indicate that you have been considered one of the elect, especially what you tell of the attitude of Walker, Eastwood and Abrams. Keep it up, for I cheering you on.

Apparently you have gotten acquainted with two of Jepsons aggravating tricks; i.e. locking himself in, and keeping unavailable for long periods herbarium material. Your tricking him on the first tickles me more than you can possibly imagine, for I have suffered much and waxed sore many times over that exasperating habit. He was lying to you over that Penstemon material, for he took it out himself over a year ago to study himself and has not returned it even tho I have repeatedly hinted that I wanted to study it. I did get the P. clevelandii material from him but that is all. There has been repeated calls for the material but the Setchell or Gardner, wishing to dodge hurting his tender feelings, have refrained from officially requesting the return of the material even tho acc. to rules no one is allowed to have more than a couple hundred sheets out at a time. He is certainly a bird and stores, exposed to the bugs, much material over at the Bot. Bldg where he succeeds in keeping lots of material from other people. If they made him return the stuff he would spread it around that the "gangsters" hinder his great work.

If you have succeeded in prying duplicates from UC you certainly must have some drag and are considered a good collector, for no duplicates have been distributed for ages. The establishing of exchange relations with Alice E. is also a darn good move.

I am glad that you met and had a collecting trip with "Devine Alice", for she is certainly a hot one. Take it from me that, if you ever make any arrangements with her be sure and get all down in writing over her signature. I dont think she purposely denies things she says, but rather that she dashes so hurriedly from one thing to another that she does not remember things she says. During the last year I suffered from these lapses of memory and believe me I certainly have learned by a painful process what I impart above. The typewriting of the Gulf MS is a fine example of disagreements arising from her forgetting. The best way is to make arrangements by letter and thereby have every thing down in black and white. Dont think I think ill of her, for I dont; I only see too clearly one of her short comings. She surely treated me darn well taken as a whole, in fact all our trouble has arisen thru her forgetting. The Academy is taking to expedition work, and if you keep on good terms with A. E. you have a darn good chance of getting on one of them as Botanist. I would cultivate Mrs. Eastwood if I were you.

I am surely tickled that you have finally met Hall, even if it was for only a few minutes. I am also glad that you got in touch with Setchell for after a little contact with the man you can see how foolish, not to say libelous, are all of Jepsons accusations against him. When one sees how big, easygoing, and likable the man is, and how petty and selfcentered Jepson is, why all of Jepson's propoganda seems transparently false. Close contact with the men involved the Bot. Dept. sore is the best way to get an unbiased appreciation of it. Brandegee is a great old fellow, but he has what has been termed a single track mind. The P. Steph. question has certainly

certainly stuck with him. The funny part of it is that he has only an impression at the basis of his arguments, he not having dug into the matter at all, and so one can not argue the question on facts. Am glad you got that *Penstemon Monog.* (which in fact is no good) and were able to see *Mrs Brandg.* penned in notes. No I did not get that dope about *microphyllus* from that paper, but from annotation labels in the Herb. Mrs B. had some good ideas about the *Penstemons* and you want to note her ideas as embodied in annotation labels scattered thru the UC herb. Well you certainly have the goods on me in regards *P. Bridgesii* and I will meekly admit that I am blind at times. Well the main thing is that I am glad that you caught the error and not some others that I could name. It looks like my cloak of infallibility is irretrievably torn what with such muddles as *Penstemon*, *Woodsia*, etc, etc,

I have been thinking over the Cypress question and have been considering writing to you suggesting that we describe it as a variety. Upon thinking the matter over, the relationship with *guadelupensis* has become more impressive than the differences. Surely the two are close and certainly the differences are not great. To me it is more and more taking on the status of an insular species and a mainland variety. I have gotten to the point where I hate to suggest the naming of a variety, for by now you must think I have a mania for them. The fact is I am more and more becoming convinced that the trinomials should be used for just such relationships as that between *guadelupensis* and the Santa Ana Mt plant. The worst of it is that the bulk of the present day systemists do not agree with me and I therefore hesitate to force you to join me outside the fold. I wish that you would object any time when you have occasion to differ with me in regard to my sp. concept, for alto I am still the rebel and heretic in this "broad species camp", I find that I am agreeing with Clements and Hall in more and more of their fundamental theses. There is another reason why I am inclined towards treating it as a var.; by so treating it we would be naming it (in the way that I personally think it should be named) and still not interfering with my major proff who wants to describe it as a sp. I want to name that tree and I hope you will still want to do so; let me know what you thing of a trinomial for it. Did you see the UC material and the Golden Gate trees?

I am enclosing the last letter I got from Weatherby. I wrote him that the changes he made (with except of commoa indicated) were OK and that we would take credit for combination subject to cond. that I would be able to look up the matter before printing. I think we had better plan to change our new comb. of *Pellea* to agree with form which W. has used; i.e. use a footnote to contain full Bibl.: what do you think? I am also strong for using the galley for an opportunity to bring the paper clean up to date by inserting all accumulated records, what do you think? If this is agreeable I wish that you would be getting all the unincluded data together so that it would be easy to incorporate. I would watch the B. So Calif. Acad. for any of Moxley's notes. Weatherby seems to be a nice fellow and we ought to keep in touch with him.

I hope that you have the chance to revise Abrams Flora. What you say seems to indicate that Abrams is interested in the project and let us hope that he finds the project possible. If you do it, have you considered including the coastal parts of S. Berdoo and Riverside counties?

I am interested in your opinion of that Thos. Valley Allium and your latest on the *Cornus*. Also how did you and Davidson get along? The Bull So Cal. Acad. will be the logical place for the *Penstemon* paper and I have wondered if you broached the subject to Dr. D. A good paper in the Bull. ought to attract some attention and would help towards directing towards Pomona some of the attention hertofore entirely directed at Davidson.

I have gotten into correspondance with Maxon re. the Pikes Peak *Selaginella* and of late have been collecting them every where I go. I have one new species so far and have made him segregate one of his old species. If Maxon would only stop now and not start to break up too ~~excessively~~ ^{far} his species all will be well, but I am afraid he is going too far. I am collecting a lot of material hoping to embarrass him with too much material and there by make him reduce. Lots of material is the best cure for a splitter.

Did I tell you that I have planned to stop at Washington on my way east. Dr Rose has invited me to put up with him during my stay there. I will leave here the 15th of Sept if I can get away, but the chances are that I cant, and wont get off till the 20th. I'll let you know later my plans. If there is any thing I can do at D.C. let me know in time. Oh yes in one of Roses recent letters R. said that Britton did not think much of E. munzii.

I surely do wish I were going along on the Grayback trip. I'd swap Pikes Pk any day for the good old peaks of So Calif. I sure hope you have a successful trip. Give the best of my regards to the Peirsons. Do try and get up into Cascade Canon and collect that *Epatorioid*? Also get up into the head of Eveys Canon and get that *Monardella* - you could do it on a trip to Browns Flats where neither you nor R. have been. Well write me when you can for believe me I do enjoy you letters.

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